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**EVEN YOU,
HULK, WILL FALL
TO THE MIGHT
OF GOGRATH!**



THE INCREDIBLE HULK



VICTIM OF GAMMA RADIATION
BRUCE BANNER NOW FINDS
HIMSELF TRANSFORMED IN TIMES
OF STRESS INTO THE MOST POWERFUL
CREATURE EVER TO WALK THE
EARTH!

ON THE REMOTE PACIFIC ISLAND WHERE
DR. SCARABELUS WAS PRODUCING AN ARMY
OF ANIMAL-MEN, A SEARCH FOR THE HULK
PRODUCED NOTHING BUT BRUCE BANNER.
AND WHEN BANNER
LEARNED TOO MUCH ABOUT
THE EVIL DOCTOR'S
CLONING PROCESS, IT
BECAME HIS TURN TO BE
HAUNTED—UNTIL...



BUT THEN, THE HULK MOVED WITH
SURPRISING SPEED...

NOT POINT
GUNS AT
HULK!



MODEL • NEARY LLOYD



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**GOGRATH: ONE OF SCARABEUS'S
BRAINLESS FAILURES... WITH AN
URGENT DESIRE TO SLAUGHTER...**



**THEN, THINKING ONE FOE 'TAKEN CARE
OF', GOGRATH TURNED...**



**AND HELP CAME FROM AN
UNEXPECTED QUARTER...**



**AND AS THE TWO MIGHTY OPPONENTS
GRIPPED... TESTING EACH OTHER'S
STRENGTH, THERE DEVELOPED A
MUTUAL RESPECT...**



...BUT IT DIDN'T LAST LONG!



THEN...



**BUT GOGRATH IS TOO
MINDLESS TO REALISE
WHEN HE IS BEATEN...**





ALL-OUT MAYHEM ON MONSTER ISLAND—NEXT WEEK!

VORTIGEN AND MOONDOG—TRAPPED BY THE EVIL WALKER!

THE BLACK KNIGHT

THE BLACK KNIGHT IS IN SEARCH OF MOONDOG THE ELF, CAPTURED IN BATTLE BY GOBLINS AND NOW HELD HOSTAGE BY CORMAC, ONE OF THE SIX EVIL WALKERS! KING VORTIGEN HAS BEEN LURED INTO CORMAC'S CIRCLE OF POWER, AND MUST NOW FIGHT FOR HIS LIFE!

YOU HAVE NO STRENGTH TO OPPOSE ME, VORTIGEN! IN WELL DAYS WILL END HERE IN THIS CIRCLE OF STONES...
DEAD!

AS DEAD AS MERLYN'S DREAMS OF GLORY!

MOONDOG COULD ONLY WATCH CORMAC'S SAVAGE ATTACK BOUND AS HE WAS TO A TALL STANDING STONE...



TAKE CARE, MY LORD... IF YOU SHOULD FALL OUR CAUSE IS LOST!

CORMAC'S SAVAGE ATTACK HAD COWED VORTIGEN'S PET WOLF... LUPE... BUT THE PROUD WALKER HIMSELF REMAINED UNBOWED...



DO YOUR WORST, CORMAC, BUT IF I SHOULD FALL THIS NIGHT... A THOUSAND MORE WOULD TAKE MY PLACE!

HAVE YOU ENOUGH SWORDS TO FIGHT AGAINST ALL THOSE WHO OPPOSE YOU?

BUT YOURS WILL BE A SLOW DEATH... HERE ON THIS MOULT MOOR YOU WILL SUFFER A THOUSAND CUTS...



SSZZZAK!

YOUR LIFE'S BLOOD WILL NOURISH THIS FOUL LAND YOU LOVE!

FOOL! EVEN NOW THE POWERS OF DARKNESS REIGN IN OTHERWORLD! SOON THE EARTH-WORLD ITSELF WILL FALL... YOU ARE ALL DOOMED!



AAAAH!



UHHH!

ALL THE HORROR AND EVIL FROM EVERY DAWN-WRACKED NIGHTMARE THAT YOU'VE SUPPRESSED FOR SO LONG WILL BURST FORTH IN ONE GREAT JOYOUS BURGE OF CHAOS!

THE DRAGONS OF DEATH WILL WALK DANCE MORE... AND I WILL BE THEIR KING!



YOU'RE MAD, CORMAC! YOUR DEMENTED VISIONS WILL COME TO NAUGHT! MERLYN WILL NEVER PERMIT SUCH FOULY!

WORDS... EMPTY WORDS I'M DYING... AND WHO KNOWS WHAT HAS BECOME OF MERLYN, OR HIS CHAMPION... THE BLACK KNIGHT?

BUT NOW WE MUST LEAVE THIS HARROWING SCENE... FOR VORTIGEN'S THOUGHTS TAKE US TO THE BLACK KNIGHT HIMSELF, WRINGING THROUGH THE NIGHT SKY ASTRIDE HIS FLYING STEED, VALINOR...

A KNIGHT WHOSE HEART IS HEAVY... AND WHOSE MIND IS PERPLEXED IN THE FACE OF DEFEAT...



THE SEARCH IS FUTILITY! THERE IS NO SIGN OF THE ELF OR HIS CAPTORS... ALL HAVE SEEMINGLY VANISHED LIKE A MIST AT SUNRISE...

I HAVE FAILED!





GET AWAY, VORTIGEN—
GET AWAY! FOR PITY'S
SAKE, RUN WHILE YOU
STILL CAN!



SWIFT AS THE ELF WAS, CORMAC'S
MIGHTY HAND PARRIED THE
DESPERATE
THRUST...



YOU ADDLE-BRAINED LITTLE
WEASEL! WHAT CHANCE DO
YOU STAND AGAINST ONE
SUCH AS **CORMAC**?



HEARTENED BY THE ELF'S COURAGEOUS
ASSAULT, VORTIGEN GATHERED HIS
REMAINING STRENGTH...AND...

WHAPPP!



HE IS **UNDONE!** THWARTED
BY HIS OWN SPELL...FALLEN
INTO THE FIELD OF FORCE
THAT MADE UP HIS CIRCLE
OF POWER!



HE HAS PERISHED? **NOUGHT** REMAINS BUT
BLACKENED GRASS AND
A WISP OF SMOKE!
ARE WE **RID** OF
HIM?

I FEAR NOT...ONE SUCH
AS CORMAC IS NOT DISPOSED
OF SO EASILY. HE IS SHOCKED
PERHAPS...EVEN INJURED
BUT NOT DEAD: HE IS SIMPLY
DEMATERIALIZED...
TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER
PLACE!



AND WE MUST DO LIKEWISE!
I ALMOST DIED BY HIS HAND...
I AM STILL VULNERABLE
SHOULD HE DECIDE TO ATTACK
AGAIN...

I MUST FIND A PLACE TO
REST UNTIL THE WOUNDS
ARE HEALED... THEN BEGIN
MY JOURNEY ANEW. AND YOU,
LITTLE ONE... YOU MUST SEEK
THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION
THAT ONLY THE BLACK KNIGHT
CAN GIVE!



BUT MERLYN'S CHAMPION,
IT SEEMS, THINKS OTHERWISE...

I HAVE PONDERED
LONG ENOUGH...
THE CHOICE IS NOW
CLEAR, I MUST
FOLLOW CAPTAIN
BRITAIN TO THE
GATES OF THE
OTHERWORLD...

I'VE STAYED
HERE TOO LONG,
AND TIME IS
WASTING!



BUT WHAT'S THAT?
SOMETHING DISTURBS
THE SURFACE OF THE
LAKE...IT COULD CAUSE
THE WATER TO RIPPLE
YET I HEARD NOTHING
FALL...



BY THE GODS!
I CAN SCARCE
BELIEVE MY
EYES! THE
WATERS PART
TO REVEAL A
WONDERFUL
SIGHT...

KING ARTHUR'S
SWORD...
EXCALIBUR!

THE MAGIC AND MYSTERY CONTINUES—NEXT WEEK! BE HERE!

ANT-MAN CAPTURED BY THE MAD MASTER OF TIME!

ANT-MAN!

THE ANT-MAN IS ON THE TRACK OF THE TIME MASTER... AFTER CATAPULTING ACROSS TOWN HE LANDS SAFELY, CUSHIONED BY ANTS -- BUT --



WE MUST GET OFF THE STREET, LITTLE FRIENDS -- BEFORE WE GET TRAMPLED!

TO THE POLICE STATION -- QUICKLY!

MINUTES LATER...

...AND WE HAVE NO IDEA WHO THIS 'TIME MASTER' REALLY IS!

IF HE'S JUST A SCREWMALL, OR IF HE REALLY HAS SOME MEANS OF SPEEDING UP THE AGING PROCESS!



ONE THING FOR SURE... IF HE IS ON THE LEVEL, WE'RE IN TROUBLE!

HIS NOTE DIDN'T READ LIKE A TYPICAL CRANK LETTER! IT WAS WELL-WRITTEN-- AND CAREFULLY THOUGHT OUT!

IT'S JUST FANTASTIC ENOUGH TO BE POSSIBLE! I'LL KEEP MY EYES OPEN, FELLAS!



FIRST AN ELEPHANT SUDDENLY AGES... AND NOW THIS THREAT! IT ADDS UP, EXCEPT FOR ONE THING!

POLICE

WHY WOULD ANYBODY WITH SUCH GREAT SCIENTIFIC ABILITY, TURN IT AGAINST SOCIETY?



PLAYING A HUNCH, THE ANT-MAN VISITS VARIOUS LABS AROUND TOWN...

ANGRY OR BITTER? YES... ONE OLD FELLOW, ELIAS WEEMS...

...WE HAD TO LET HIM GO BECAUSE HE WAS TOO OLD, AND I'M AFRAID HE TOOK IT QUITE HARD!



FIERD BECAUSE OF HIS AGE! AND NOW HE THREATENS TO AGE HIS FELLOW MEN!

THIS COULD BE THE LEAD I'M AFTER!

QUICK! LET ME HAVE WEEMS' ADDRESS!



MEANWHILE...

I TOLD THE POLICE TO ANSWER MY ULTIMATUM IN THE NEWSPAPER, BUT THERE'S NOTHING HERE! THEY DEFIED ME!

ALL RIGHT! I GAVE THEM THEIR CHANCE! NOW IT'S MY TURN!



SOCIETY HAS WRONGED ME! SOCIETY MUST PAY FOR THAT! AND BY THUNDER, THEY SHALL PAY!



NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!

I KNOW WHO YOU ARE, WEEMS... BUT YOU CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH YOUR MAD PLAN!

THE ANT-MAN! I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DISCOVERED ME, BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER! YOU CAN'T STOP ME!

BEFORE THE ANT-MAN CAN ACT, ELIAS WEEMS GRABS HIS FANTASTIC RAY GUN AND SWITCHES IT ON...



I'M CHANGING! I'M MATURING! BUT NOW... HOW IS IT HAPPENING??



TIRED--WEAK--TIVE AGED YEARS! BUT--WHY DID YOU STOP THE MACHINES? YOU COULD HAVE FINISHED ME!



AND NOW, MY AGED LITTLE FOE...



YOU'RE OLD AND FRIBBLE BUT NOT HELPLESS! NOT WHILE YOU STILL HAVE YOUR HELMET!



**NEXT
WEEK:
THE TIME-
MASTER'S
VENGEANCE
IS
COMPLETE!**

REVEALED AT LAST—THE LEADER OF THE SEPT!

NICK FURY Agent of

SHIELD

SUPREMACY HEADQUARTERS INTERNATIONAL ESPIONAGE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



ON THE TRAIL OF THE ONE, THE LEADER OF THE EVIL ORGANISATION KNOWN AS THE SEPT, NICK FURY HAS ARRIVED AT THE CHING BROS. MOVIE STUDIOS IN HONG KONG, ACCOMPANIED BY THE LOVELY ANNIE WONG ... BUT...



LOOKS LIKE WE'RE NOT WELCOME!

WAIT! I KNOW SOME OF THESE GUYS... THEY'RE ACTORS... THEY WON'T ATTACK US...



YOU SURE ABOUT THAT...?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND...



THEN... LOOK AT THEIR EYES! THEY MUST HAVE BEEN DRUGGED... UNLESS THEY'VE GONE COMPLETELY CRAZY!



DISABLE, DON'T KILL! THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING.

I KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING... TRYING TO KILL US! UP THAT ALLEY, FAST!



YOU THINK THEY'RE ALL LIKE THAT, COLONEL?

GUESS SO... AND I'LL BET THEY'VE GOT REINFORCEMENTS ON THE WAY TOO... THEY MUST KNOW WE'RE CLOSING IN...



THEN WE'LL HAVE TO WATCH OUR STEP... SOME OF THE FIGHT-DIRECTORS HERE ARE MASTERS... AND THESE SWORDS ARE SHARP...!



SOON...

LOOK... THAT STUDIO BUILDING'S NEW... IT WASN'T HERE WHEN I WAS MAKING MOVIES.

THEN I GUESS THAT'S WHERE WE'RE HEADING...



YET, AS THEY APPROACH...

IF THIS IS WHAT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR... THEY DON'T SEEM TO HAVE MUCH SECURITY...

COLONEL, THEY DON'T NEED MUCH SECURITY...



...NOT WHEN THEY'VE GOT MA YUNG - CHEN GUARDING THE DOOR!



THEN, LEAVING LIGHTNING-SHADOW MA YUNG-CHAI IN THE LAND OF SLUMBER...

NO GUARDS IN HERE...THIS PLACE IS FULL OF SURPRISES...

AND HOW! I THOUGHT I'D SEEN THE LAST OF THE YELLOW CLAW YEARS AGO!

PERHAPS YOU HAVE, COLONEL...THAT'S A FUNERAL ALTAR!

THERE MUST BE MORE THAN THIS...A SECRET DOOR OR SOMETHING...

I HAD A NOTION SOMEONE LIKE THE YELLOW CLAW MUST BE BEHIND THIS SEPT... BUT IF YOU TELL ME HE'S DEAD...

BUT THE DEAD CAN STILL STRIKE FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE, FURY! AND I AM NOT ENTIRELY DEAD!

WHAT IN THE BLAMED PHOTOGRAPH MUST HAVE A MIKE!

I KNEW WE WOULD MEET AGAIN ONE DAY, FURY...SO I THINK YOU SHOULD SEE YOUR OPPONENT BEFORE YOU DIE!

THE WALL'S OPENING UP...

TO SHOW YOU THE NEW YELLOW CLAW...TRANSFORMED!

...INTO THE ONE!

HOLY COW! THEY'VE HOOKED THE CLAW'S BRAIN INTO A GIANT COMPUTER!

YES! THE ONE, UNIFIED COMBINATION OF MAN AND MACHINE...THAT SEES ALL...KNOWS ALL...AND SO, RULES ALL!

I GUESS YOU'VE GOT A COUPLE OF WIRES CROSSED, CLAW! NOW WE KNOW WHERE YOU ARE, IT'S ALL OVER!

NOT OVER UNLESS YOU GET A REPORT BACK, FURY...AND IF YOU THINK YOU CAN DESTROY ME YOURSELF...I HAVE MY DEFENCES...

I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS GOING TO BE EASY...

...AND MY KILLERS!

SHAOLIN BRONZE MEN!

NEXT WEEK — THE FINAL CONFRONTATION!



MARVEL

BULLEN BULLETINS



SEZ DEZ

If you haven't seen **Hulk Comic** on the news racks recently (and, judging by the way it sells out so quickly, that's possible!) then you're in for a few surprises!

Despite the fantastic response you've given old greenskin's new weekly, just to show we don't *ever* relax, we've been making moves to improve it even more!

Here are some of the great new things happening in **Hulk Comic** right now... **Night Raven**—our enigmatic crime crusader—reaches even greater heights of quality under the artistic prowess of John Bolton, whose work has been gracing **House of Hammer** and **Look-In** these past few years.

Welcome to the Mighty Marvel revolution, John. Welcome to the winning team.

But hold on, all you fans of David Lloyd's work. For David, the man singly responsible for the artistic depiction of our night-time avenger, has moved on to no less a character than **Hulk** himself!

That's right, David Lloyd is the new inker on peerless Paul Neary's pencils for our green goliath.

And talking about jade-jaws, just wait till you see the new direction his adventures are taking under the scripting reins of Steve (Nick Fury) Moore. Whisked away to a distant land, **Hulk** faces the power of the **Ani-Men** of Dr. Scarabeus.

Plus, for those of you who just don't seem to be able to get enough of greenskin's adventures, we've a terrific back-up story currently running in **Hulk Comic**. Taking a leave from **Star Wars Weekly**, *The Watcher* narrates the most off-beat tale of all, "What if the **Hulk** Still Had Bruce Banner's Brain?". You've no need to imagine how an *intelligent* seven-foot green man-mountain would react, grab hold of the latest **Hulk Comic** and you'll be able to see for yourself, courtesy of Roy Thomas and Herb Trimpe.

All the above, plus the ever-popular adventures of **Ant-Man**, **Nick Fury**, *The Black Knight* and *The Eternals*... seven great strips in all... await you each week in **Hulk Comic**. Miss it not!

Dez Skinn
Dez Skinn Editor

ITEM: We've so many titles on the stands right now, that to include a **Mighty Marvel Checklist** each bullpen page would push everything else out! But, for latecomers, here's an update...

MARVEL WEEKLIES

Hulk Comic featuring *The Incredible Hulk* vs Dr. Scarabeus, *Black Knight* and *Captain Britain*, **Ant-Man**, *Nick Fury* and his Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D., *Night-Raven*

The Eternals, *What If Hulk Had Bruce Banner's Brain?*

Marvel Comic featuring *Godzilla*, *Dracula*, *Skull the Slayer*, *Conan the Buccaneer*, *Daredevil*!

Star Wars Weekly featuring *The Star Warriors*, beyond the movie, beyond the Universe, *Adam Warlock*, *Guardians of the Galaxy*, *Tales of the Watcher*!



Spider-Man Comic featuring *Spidey* + *The Mighty Thor* + *Sub-Mariner* + *Nova* +

The Fantastic Four + *The Avengers*!

MARVEL MONTHLIES

Rampage featuring *The All-New X-Men* + *Dr Strange*, *Master of the Mystic Arts* + *The Incredible Hulk*!



THE INCREDIBLE
HULK

THE ALL-NEW
X-MEN

DR. STRANGE
MASTER OF
THE MYSTIC ARTS



Savage Sword of Conan featuring *Red Sonja*, *Warrior Woman* - *Solomon Kane* + *Conan the Barbarian*!

MARVEL MAGAZINES

Starcross featuring all the latest news, reviews and interviews on what's happened, happening and about to happen in the science fantasy world of tv, cinema and graphics!

TV Heroes featuring all the top tv stars of today, packed with facts and pix from cover to cover!

MARVEL SPECIALS

Spider-Man Special featuring *Spidey* and the *Punisher* + *ordin* of *Spider-Man* + *Spidey* movie feature + *Secrets of Spider-Man*!

Marvel Superheroes featuring *Hulk* vs *The Thing* + *Dr Strange* & *Thor* vs *Loki* - *The Silver Surfer* vs *Quasimodo*!

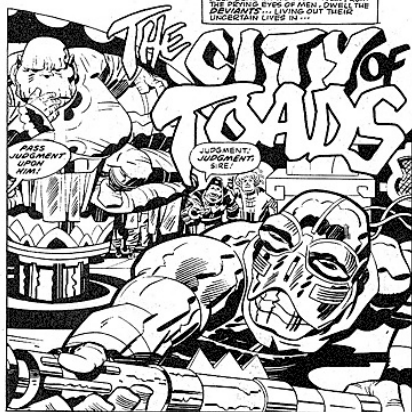
Frantic Special featuring madcap humour spoofs of *Bionic Woman*, *M*A*S*H*, *Superman*, *Batman* & *Robin*, *Mark & Mindy* - *Howard the Duck*!

... all are on sale now, and the best is yet to come!

A NEW WARRIOR ARISES IN THE LAND OF DEVIANTS!

THE ETERNALS

DEEP BENEATH THE OCEAN... FAR FROM THE DYING EYES OF MEN... DWELL THE DEVIANTS... LIVING OUT THEIR UNCERTAIN LIVES IN...





AS THE MASK IS REMOVED, GREAT TOAD'S GATHERED COUNCIL AGREE THAT WHAT IS REVEALED!!!

SHOCKING! HE IS REPELLENT TO BEHOLD!

AND YET, HE IS A DEVANT--BORN OF OUR SPECIES AND ALLOWED TO SURVIVE!

GREAT TOAD SHALL DO WHAT MUST BE DONE!

CONDEMN HIM, SIRE!
CONDEMN THE REJECT!



THE MASK IS LIFTED, SIRE. THIS CURSED CREATURE ALWAYS YOUR DECISION!

HE DOES WELL TO HIDE HIS FACE!

RAISE YOUR HEAD, REJECT!



GREAT TOAD SPEAKS TO YOU! RAISE YOUR HEAD--OR RISK DESTRUCTION!!

SEE FOR YOURSELF, SIRE! THAT FACE IS YET ANOTHER REMINDER OF THE SPECTRE THAT HAUNTS OUR SPECIES!

ARE WE NEVER TO PREVENT OUR UNSTABLE ATOM FROM--RUNNING AMUCK? EACH PASSING DAY CONTINUES TO BRING NEW HORRORS SUCH AS THIS ONE AMONG US!

WE COULD EASILY BE TAKEN FOR AN ETERNAL--OR, AT BEST, A FOUL HUMAN!

IN THE CITY OF TOADS, NO NAME BUT "REJECT" CAN BE FOUND FOR HIM. HIS FACE IS HIS CRIME--AND TO DISGUISE THIS CRIME, HE EXCELS IN WHAT IS MOST ADMIRABLE BY HIS FELLOW DEVIANTS: A SUPERIOR CUNNING AND THE ABILITY TO DESTROY HIS ENEMIES!!

BE STILL!! IF THIS DEVIANT IS UNWORTHY TO LIVE, IT CAN ONLY BE PROVEN IN COMBAT! THEREFORE, WE MUST FIND AN OPPONENT WHO CAN DEFEAT HIM!! THIS IS THE DECREE OF TODE!!



AT THAT MOMENT, ANOTHER DEVIANT IS A GUEST AMONG THE HUMANS IN NEW YORK CITY. AND THE GENERAL, RELIVES THE PAST WITH AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE...

IN A BYGONE AGE, WE WERE MORE THAN MERE FRIENDS. THEN! WE LEARNED THAT YOU, AN ETERNAL, AND I, A DEVIANT, COULD FIND COMMON GROUND FOR--



IT WAS NOT TO BE, KRO!! AT BEST, WE CAN BE NOTHING MORE THAN FRIENDS!



NOT SO! IN TRUTH, I AM A DEVIANT AND THE INHERITOR OF TRAITS YOU FEAR AND HATE! YET, YOU KNOW ME TO BE NOBLE, WISE, AND BRAVE--ALL QUALITIES YOU ENCOURAGE!

THE GULF BETWEEN US IS TOO WIDE, KRO!! TOO WIDE!





SOON AFTER THEIR DEPARTURE, KRO AND THENA ARE TAKEN TO AN UNDERSEA WAR-CRAFT WHICH SLIPS UNNOTICED INTO THE DEEPS AT GREAT SPEED...



THE RUINS BECOME MORE PLentiful. THEY'RE LIKE SCATTERED BONES LEADING TO THE SKELETON OF SOME TITANIC ANIMAL.



AT THIS MOMENT, THE DEVIANT CRAFT ENTERS A FORMIDABLE BARRIER, ERECTED AGAINST SURPRISE ATTACK...



IT WAS THE FLEA WHO BUILT THIS SYMBOL OF MIGHT AND REBUILT IT, THENA! YOU SHALL SEE OUR NEW CITY!



NEXT WEEK: THE REJECT PREPARES FOR BATTLE!



THE MYSTERIOUS NIGHT-RAVEN

NIGHT-TIME IN THE CITY...AND DEEP BELOW THE CITY STREETS A BIZARRE SCENE IS UNFOLDING. FOR NIGHT-RAVEN HAD INTERCEPTED A GANG OF OPIUM SMUGGLERS...AND EVEN NOW PURSUES THEIR LEADER, THE DEADLY DRAGONFIRE...NOT REALISING HIS QUARRY IS CLOSE AT HAND!

THERE'S NO TURNING BACK...I'LL JUST HAVE TO KEEP PUSHING ON UNTIL I REACH AN OUTLET...

IN THIS MAZE OF TUNNELS, DRAGONFIRE COULD BE ANYWHERE...WAITING...WATCHING...



HOLD IT...THAT RIPPLE IN THE WATER, THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE SIDE TUNNEL...SOMETHING MOVING!

I WAS RIGHT! HE'S ATTACKING FAST! BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH...HIS MOVEMENTS GAVE ME TOO MUCH WARNING...

TIME ENOUGH TO GET UNDER THE PUNCH!



SO JUST STRAIGHTEN UP...AND OVER HE GOES!

HAAHIEEEE!



BUT NIGHT-RAVEN WAS UP AGAINST A WORTHY ADVERSARY...AND TO HIS ASTONISHMENT...

WHAAAT? HE LANDED ON HIS FEET!



THUD!



HE'S GOT A KICK LIKE A MULE...ANOTHER ONE LIKE THAT AND I'M FINISHED...

OH, NO...HE'S COMING AT ME AGAIN!



...BUT THIS
TIME I'M
READY FOR
HIM!

AAAGH!

THAT SHOULD SLOW
HIM DOWN FOR A WHILE!
NOW I'VE GOT TO GET
OUT OF HERE...HE
FIGHTS TOO WELL IN
ENCLOSED SPACE...



THERE'S ONLY ONE
PLACE I CAN HANDLE
HIM...ON THE STREET!

BUT ON THOSE VERY STREETS, THE DRAGON
TONG, SECRET SOCIETY OF CRIME, WERE
CONDUCTING A SEARCH OF THEIR OWN...

THIS IS FUTILE! FROM
EVERY SECTION OF THE
CITY THE REPORTS ARE
THE SAME... NOTHING!
IT'S AS IF DRAGONFIRE
HAD VANISHED FROM
THE FACE OF THE
EARTH!

PERHAPS
HE'S IN HELL
...AND THE
ACCURSED
NIGHT-RAVEN
WITH HIM!

HIST YOU
FOOLS!
DON'T YOU
KNOW OUR
LEADER
FOLLOWS?



AND SURE ENOUGH, A LARGE SLEEK CAR SLID QUIETLY
FROM A SIDE-STREET, ENGINE PURRING SOFTLY LIKE A
GIANT CAT ON THE PROWL...IN THE REAR SEAT...YI
YANG, SUPREME LEADER OF THE DRAGON TONG!



SLOWLY CHANG...
THE SEARCH MUST BE
THOROUGH! NOBODY
RESTS UNTIL DRAGON-
FIRE IS FOUND!

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, JUST UP THE STREET FROM YI
YANG AND HER MINIONS, A MANHOLE COVER IS BEING
CAUTIOUSLY LIFTED...



THIS IS NO
TIME FOR
TREPIDATION
...I CAN HEAR
DRAGONFIRE
ON THE LADDER
BELOW ME!

NOW, MOVE! TAKE
COVER...ANY-
WHERE, AS LONG
AS IT'S DARK!



IN THE NEXT INSTANT, THREE
BLACK SHADOWS DETACHED
THEMSELVES FROM THE DARK-
NESS, AND SURROUNDED NIGHT-
RAVEN!



THE TONG!
THEY'VE
FOUND
ME!

OF COURSE!
AND THIS TIME
THERE IS NO
ESCAPE!

A FIST, AIMED WITH
UNCANNY PRECISION,
SNAPPED OUT TOWARDS
NIGHT-RAVEN'S HEAD...BUT
HIS REACTIONS HAD BEEN
SHARPENED IN
HIS FIGHT WITH
DRAGONFIRE...



CRACK!
GNNNN!

TIME, I SHOWED YOU
A LITTLE TRICK OR TWO
OF MY OWN!



HAAAH!



HE SHOULD LEARN
TO CURB HIS ENTHUSIASM
...OR AT LEAST LOOK
BEFORE HE LEAPS!

THEN DEEP IN THE SHADOWS A CAR DOOR OPENED...A SOFT VOICE WHISPERED A LOW BUT URGENT COMMAND...



GO, KHAN... FIND YOUR PREY. SHOW NO MERCY!

A PAIR OF EYES BURNED WITH TIGER FIRE...A PURR CHANGED TO A DEEP-THROATED GROWL... KHAN HAD SIGHTED HIS QUARRY!



NIGHT-RAVEN SENSED RATHER THAN HEARD THE BIG CAT'S APPROACH... BUT BY THEN IT WAS TOO LATE...



...FOR KHAN HAD BEGUN HIS CHARGE... AND THE HUNT WAS ON AGAIN!



TO BE CONTINUED...

HULK LETTERS

After last issue's absence of a letters column, let's save space and get straight into your comments...

Dear Editor Dez and friends,

Thanks for providing a fantastic new comic. **Hulk Comic** is just what we've all been waiting for with a terrific balance of contents.

Instead of having all your stories based around a single theme, like war, science fiction, or superheroes, every story is different.

The **Hulk** provides terrific super-human feats, but is much more original than any of the usual superheroes.

Black Knight, with his friends **Moon-dog**, **Captain Britain** and the **Walker**, is the best fantasy adventure I've read since **Lord of the Rings**!

Nick Fury offers a sort of James Bond war story, with lots of action every week.

Ant-Man must be the most original superhero ever. Instead of being able to save the world without batting an eyelid, he uses his brains and his ant friends to overcome the menaces he meets.

The Eternals is the most mind-blowing

science fiction idea I've ever read.

Night-Raven. Well, how do you describe an enigma. The idea of setting the stories back in the days of the Depression was pure genius. It gives so many storylines which would seem silly in modern-day setting. Chinese tongs, gun and booze running, gang war in the streets, and so on.

And finally, the **Hulk** imaginary tale makes a nice change of pace.

Richard Hanson, Bootle.

Dear Stan and Dez,

I wasn't too happy with the early **Hulk** stories you had in your new comic, as they were too similar to the tv version. But now you seem to be back to the good old Marvel style adventures.

John Ryde, London

It was deliberate, John. We had a whole new audience via the tv series, and if we'd gone straight into the Marvel-style stories, the jump would have been a bit confusing, so we've eased everybody into the mixed up world of Marvel mayhem.

... Dez.

Dear **Hulk** Letters,

You recently printed a letter with a reader complaining that there wasn't enough of **Hulk** in each issue, with only three to six pages a week. Yet he then

said he really enjoyed the other stories.

If **Hulk** had more than six pages, he'd never have got to know and enjoy the other stories!

Andrew Binnington, Hull

Dear Dez Skinn,

Of all the Marvel comics you produce I think **Hulk Comic** is the best, though I also enjoy **Rampage** and **Frantic Summer Special**.

Can you tell us if you have any more new titles coming out soon?

Steve Anderson, Scunthorpe

We sure have, Steve. Both monthly and weekly titles! Watch out for further news coming soon! ... Dez.

Dear **Marvel Comics**,

I really enjoy the **Hulk** stories in both your weekly comic and **Rampage Magazine**, but I missed the early ones. Do you have any back issues for sale?

Michael Jones, London

*Afraid we've no back issues of **Hulk** available, Michael. But we do have some back copies of **Rampage**. Numbers 5, 6, 7, & 9 and 10 at 40p each. Write to us care of our Back Numbers Department at our usual address...*

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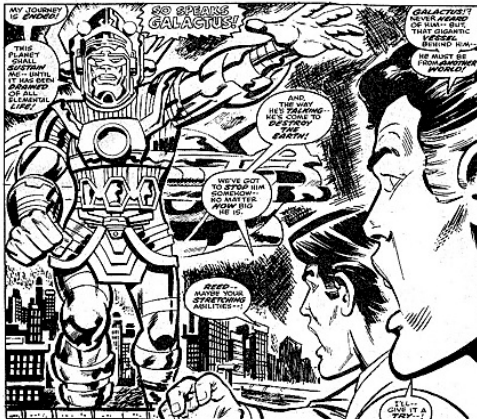
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